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Chapter 12. Transportation of Homeless Students

IC 20-27-12-0.5

"Homeless student"

Sec. 0.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "homeless student" includes a student who is awaiting placement in foster care.

(b) The term does not include a student who is in foster care.

As added by P.L.159-2007, SEC.3.

IC 20-27-12-1

"Original school corporation"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "original school corporation" refers to a school corporation in which a homeless student's school of origin is located.

As added by P.L.191-2006, SEC.2.

IC 20-27-12-2

"School of origin"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "school of origin" means the school:

- (1) that a homeless student attended when the student last had a permanent residence; or
 - (2) in which the homeless student was last enrolled.

As added by P.L.191-2006, SEC.2.

IC 20-27-12-3

"Transitional school corporation"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "transitional school corporation" refers to a school corporation in which a homeless student temporarily stays.

As added by P.L.191-2006, SEC.2.

IC 20-27-12-4

Transportation of homeless student to school of origin; agreement between school corporations; shared responsibility

Sec. 4. (a) If a homeless student temporarily stays in the homeless student's original school corporation but outside the attendance area for the school of origin, the original school

corporation shall provide transportation for the homeless student from the place where the homeless student is temporarily staying to the school of origin.

(b) If:

- (1) a homeless student's school of origin is located in a school corporation in which the homeless student does not temporarily stay; and
- (2) the homeless student does not elect to attend a school located in the school corporation in which the homeless student is temporarily staying; the original school corporation and the transitional school corporation shall enter into an agreement concerning the

responsibility for and apportionment of the costs of transporting the homeless student to the school of origin.

(c) If the original school corporation and the transitional school corporation are unable to reach an agreement under subsection (b), the responsibility for transporting the homeless student to the school of origin is shared equally between both school corporations, and the cost of transporting the homeless student to the school of origin is apportioned equally between both school corporations.

As added by P.L.191-2006, SEC.2.

IC 20-27-12-5

Vehicles used to transport homeless students

- Sec. 5. (a) A school corporation may use the following types of vehicles in transporting a homeless student to a school of origin:
- (1) If at least four (4) homeless students are being transported to schools in the same school corporation, a special purpose bus must be used to transport the students.
- (2) If three (3) or fewer students are being transported to schools in the same school corporation, an appropriate vehicle owned by the school corporation may be used to transport the students.
- (b) The driver of a vehicle used to transport homeless students to a school of origin under subsection (a) must meet the qualifications set forth in IC 20-27-9-5(c). As added by P.L.191-2006, SEC.2.